

**Elephant Most Intelligent.**  
The elephant is by a long shot the most intelligent animal under man. Some horses know a great deal, some dogs are exceedingly bright, but for real sound sense and all-around long-headedness the elephant heads the list. He is not only bright, he is a deep thinker and profound philosopher, and has been known to do things that apparently required nothing less than human intelligence. Read the books that have to do with animal intelligence, with the wonderful things that our dumb fellow-beings have done, and while you will find much to the credit of the dog, horse and other animals, you will be impressed with the fact that, next to man, the brain-power of the elephant is the greatest among them all.

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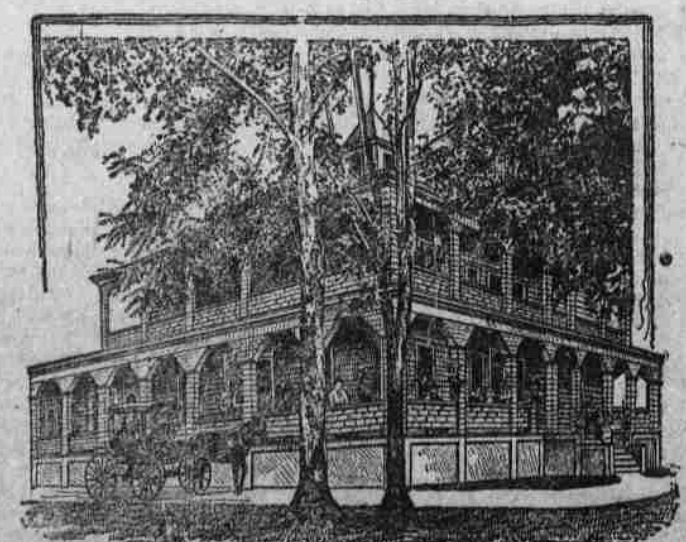
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